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In re Application of R. Preston Mason :  
Serial No.: 10/033,149 : PETITION DECISION  
Filed: October 19, 2001 :  
Attorney Docket No.: 2189 P01 US CIP :

This is in response to the papers submitted March 13, 2003, which are being treated as a petition under 37 CFR 1.181 to withdraw the holding of abandonment of the above identified application.

A review of the file history shows that the examiner mailed an Office action to applicants on March 20, 2002, setting a three month shortened statutory period for reply. A response was received in the USPTO on September 23, 2002, after the 6 month statutory period for response had expired. On March 6, 2003 the examiner mailed a notice of abandonment indicating that there was no certificate of mailing with the response.

A more thorough search of the application file has revealed the presence of a properly executed certificate of mailing dated September 20, 2002.

Applicant's petition is **GRANTED**. The application is restored to pending status with the mailing of this decision and will be forwarded to the examiner for further consideration.

Should there be any questions with regard to this letter please contact Bruce Campell by letter addressed to the Director, Technology Center 1600, Washington, DC 20231, or by telephone at (703) 308-4205 or by facsimile transmission at (703) 746-5006.

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